

## 2019 WISE LEARNERS' VOICE PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE

### The WISE Learners' Voice Program

The WISE Learners' Voice Program brings the perspectives of young people to the challenge of rethinking education and equips them to take on leading roles in their fields and in the world of education. The revised 2019 Learners' Voice Program aims to give young people a platform to voice their views and to create a youth community interested in shaping the future of education. At WISE, we believe in empowering young people by ensuring that their views are included at WISE 2019.

The threefold objectives of the program to give young people:

1. The tools and resources they need to ensure their voices are heard
2. A platform to voice their opinions and discuss with policy makers, educators and innovators in education
3. An opportunity to participate and engage at WISE 2019 and to have their work creative work published by WISE.

The 2019 Learners' Voice Program will serve as a unique opportunity for motivated young people to join peers from around the world to voice their collective aspirations for education. Through interactive workshops, experiential sessions and creative exercises, Learners will gain the skills and mindsets required to forge their place in designing the future of education.

Alumni from past Learners' Voice cohorts will be actively involved in the delivery of this program.

### Program Components

**Pre-Summit Residential Session:** Learners will participate in a 3-day interactive residential session in Doha to gain develop communication and problem solving skills while gaining exposure to the field of education.

**WISE Summit:** Learners will actively participate in the 2019 WISE Summit to share their views and opinions on the shaping the future of education to education stakeholders such as educators, policymakers, school leaders, parents among others.

**Creative Submission:** Learners will also develop a creative piece on education, which will be shared with WISE community during the program to amplify their voices.

### Program Timeline

- 29 April to 7 September 2019 – Applications open
- June 2019 – First round of interviews
- 7 September 2019 – Closing of Applications
- September – Second round of interviews –Residential Session
- 17-19 November, 2019 – Pre-Summit Residential Session
- 20-21 November 2019 – WISE Summit Participation

### Recruitment of the New Cohort

The Learners' Voice recruitment process includes three steps:

1. **Application Form-** Candidates must complete the online application form with accurate information through the portal here.
2. **Creative Submission-** Candidates must also submit a short creative piece in the form of an essay, story, poem, film or any other creative medium in response to one of the eight prompts below:
  - What does it mean to be “educated”?
  - Teachers VS Technology – Is it the end of the teaching profession, as we know it?
  - Design the school of tomorrow (this can include any aspect of the school, from the physical space to the curriculum, etc.)
  - What would you change about your education experience?
  - What does “global citizenship” mean to you?
  - What values do you think are important to be reflected in your community (and how should they be taught in schools)?
  - Is a university / college education necessary or even relevant today?
  - Does your education prepare you for success in life?Written pieces should be at least 500 words or more.
3. **Interview-** Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview between June and September and the cohort will be announced in November.

Completed forms in English should be submitted through the online portal **by 7 September 1300 GMT.**

### Selection Criteria

1. Candidates must be aged 16-21 who are interested in engaging in the field of education
2. Candidates must have a valid travel document.
3. Candidates must be willing and available to travel to Doha from 16-22 November 2019.
4. Candidates should be proficient in spoken and written English, and should be comfortable presenting and speaking in public.
5. Candidates must be curious minded, flexible and comfortable in multicultural environments.
6. Candidates must demonstrate creativity and reflection in their creative submissions on the selected prompt.
7. The candidate clearly demonstrates engagement in social issues and how s/he has sought to overcome them through innovative ideas, and initiatives.
8. Candidates must secure approval from their schools/institutions to attend the program, and parents if under 18 years of age.

For further information about the Learners' Voice program, please visit the WISE website ([www.wise-qatar.org](http://www.wise-qatar.org)) or contact the WISE Team at [learnersvoice@wise.org.qa](mailto:learnersvoice@wise.org.qa)